

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1 - 49. (canceled)

1 50. (new) A coffee machine comprising:

2 a housing;

3 an upper supply part on the housing and a lower supply
4 part movable relative to the upper part between an upper position
5 and a lower position;

6 a container adapted to hold a charge of coffee grounds
7 and fittable with the lower supply part;

8 guide means on the housing and container including a
9 slide and a pivot for displacement of the container between

10 a coffee-making position fitted with the lower part
11 and pressing the lower part into the upper
12 position, and

13 a loading/emptying position spaced from the lower
14 part and tipped away from the lower part,
15 whereby in the loading/emptying position coffee
16 grounds can be loaded into or cleared out of
17 the container, the container being separable
18 from the housing in the loading/emptying
19 position; and

20 supply means connected through the upper supply part with
21 the lower supply part for forcing a hot fluid through the coffee
22 grounds in the container only in the coffee-making position of the
23 container.

1 51. (new) The coffee machine defined in claim 50
2 wherein the pivot is below the slide.

1 52. (new) The coffee machine defined in claim 51 wherein
2 the guide means further includes a nonstraight guide along which
3 the slide is displaceable.

1 53. (new) The coffee machine defined in claim 50 wherein
2 the container has a plurality of telescoping parts extensible to
3 form an infusion chamber capable of holding the coffee grounds and
4 fittable with the supply lower part and collapsible for clearing of
5 the grounds from the chamber.

1 54. (new) The coffee machine defined in claim 54,
2 wherein the container has three such parts provided with abutment
3 means for sequential shifting of the parts on movement from a
4 collapsed position to an extended position.

1 55. (new) The coffee machine defined in claim 54,
2 further comprising
3 a clearing element that can sweep across one of the parts
4 in the collapsed position for clearing the coffee grounds from the
5 chamber.

1 56. (new) The coffee machine defined in claim 54,
2 further comprising
3 a latch lever for securing together the parts on
4 separation of the container from the housing.

1 57. (new) The coffee machine defined in claim 54,
2 further comprising
3 first safety means for preventing operation of the supply
4 means when the parts are improperly fitted to the lower supply
5 part.

1 58. (new) The coffee machine defined in claim 57 wherein
2 the first safety means includes position detecting means on the
3 housing for detecting the position of one of the telescoping parts.

1 59. (new) The coffee machine defined in claim 50,
2 further comprising
3 second safety means including spring-loaded teeth
4 engageable between the housing and the container for preventing
5 operation of the machine when the container is not in a position
6 fitted perfectly to the housing.

1 60. (new) The coffee machine defined in claim 59 wherein
2 the second safety means include a cover engageable with the
3 container and a switch operable by the cover when the cover engages
4 the machine in the perfectly fitted position of the container.

1 61. (new) The coffee machine defined in claim 50,
2 further comprising
3 means including a valve upstream of the supply means
4 openable to supply water thereto.

1 62. (new) The coffee machine defined in claim 61 wherein
2 the valve includes a hollow valve body, a piston slidable therein,
3 and formations and passages on the body and piston.

1 63. (new) The coffee machine defined in claim 62 wherein
2 the formations include three annular outwardly open grooves formed
3 on the piston, the piston having an end face forming a variable-
4 volume compartment with the valve body.

1 64. (new) The coffee machine defined in claim 63 wherein
2 the piston is formed with a first duct extending between one of the
3 grooves and the compartment and a second duct extending between
4 another of the grooves and the exterior.